SRI H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Health).—

(a) Yes

(b) The matter is under consideration

JAYANTHI VILLAGE

53. (116) SRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE (Gurmitkal).— Will the Minister for Community Development and Social Welfare be pleased to state : —

(a) the number of Jayanthi villages proposed to be taken up in the State (Talukwise Break-up figures may be furnished) ;

(b) the criteria fixed for sanctioning Jayanthi villages for each Taluk ;

(c) the approximate budget provided for the State to take up Jayanthi village programme in the State ?

SRI M. MALLIKARJUNASWAMY (Minister for Community Development and Social Welfare).—

(a) 180 villages have been selected. Districtwise break-up is given in the Statement appended.

(b) Generally one village in each Block is selected. Villages lacking the basic amenities and/or having predominantly weaker sections of the society have been preferred.

(c) No separate Budget provision has been made for the purpose. The grants provided under the Normal Plan and Non Plan schemes towards creating the basic needs such as Drinking Water Supply facilities, School Buildings, Roads, Community Halls, Drainages etc., are to be pooled and such of the amenities as are wanting in the selected villages are to be provided.